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 For : STEEL PLATE OR STEEL PIPE WITH SMALL  
 OCCURRENCE OF BAUSCHINGER EFFECT AND  
 METHODS OF PRODUCTION OF SAME  
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TOTAL CLAIMS	5	minus	20	0	60.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	minus	3	0	250.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED				0	450.00	0.00
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